

CHAPTER 237.

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC BRIDGES OVER THE SCUPPER-
NONG RIVER AT COLUMBIA AND THE CROSS LANDING AND
ALLIGATOR CREEK IN TYRRELL COUNTY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

SECTION 1. That any captain of a vessel or flat boat, steamboat or other craft, or any person having charge of the same, who shall wilfully or negligently damage any of said bridges shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined not to exceed fifty dollars, or be imprisoned not to exceed thirty days, and shall also be liable to the county in action for damages, which, when recovered in a court of competent jurisdiction, shall constitute a charge against the vessel doing the damage and her owners.

Wilful injury to bridges by commander of vessel, &c., a misdemeanor.

Penalty.

Action for damages.

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 9th day of March, A. D. 1881.

CHAPTER 238.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY TO LEVY A SPECIAL TAX.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

SECTION 1. That the board of commissioners of Washington county be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy a special tax not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, one-half of which to be levied on all subjects of taxation in said county, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, at the time of

Commissioners authorized to levy special tax, not exceeding \$5,000.

When levied.